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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TAXATION

## **TESTIMONY REGARDING GM 339**

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF TAXATION REVIEW, 3<sup>rd</sup>TAXATION DISTRICT (HAWAII), GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, IOANA D. AGASA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012.

TESTIFIER: KURT KAWAFUCHI, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION (OR DESIGNEE)

DATE:

**MARCH 20, 2008** 

TIME:

1:15PM

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The Department of Taxation (Department) <u>supports</u> the nomination of Ms. Agasa to the Board of Taxation Review on the Big Island.

This will be Ms. Agasa's second term on the Board of Taxation Review.

Ms. Agasa is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with her own private practice. Ms. Agasa possesses a Bachelors of Science degree in accounting from the University of Denver. Ms. Agasa also possesses several years of experience in the area of public accountancy, having practiced in accountancy since 1978. Ms. Agasa is active in the tax community, having been a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Hawaii Association of Public Accountants (HAPA), and the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants (HSCPA). Ms. Agasa is also active in the community being a member of the Hawaii County Liquor Commission, the Rotary Club of South Hilo, and the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce.

It is the Department's position that Ms. Agasa maintains the necessary understanding of the tax law and Board procedures to competently serve on the Board of Taxation Review for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Taxation District.

The Department and its Hawaii District support her nomination for reappointment and respectfully request the Senate's favorable confirmation.